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## Uni experience 'among best in country'

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The experience students have at the University of Lincoln is among the best in the country, according to a new survey.

The fledgling university, which has gone from strength to strength in its first eight years, has climbed to a position where it is attracting more money, more students and more accolades than ever before.

And now, the students have spoken in praise of their seat of learning.

More than 12,000 were surveyed across the UK and a total of 21 categories were pinpointed.

The result is that of the 101 best universities as published in the Times Higher Education's annual Student Experience Survey, Lincoln has come 37th.

It is a far cry from last year when it did not come within spitting distance of the top 50.

Senior pro-vice chancellor Mike Saks has responsibility for the 'student experience' arm of the university.

"This is a tremendous outcome which puts us in the top third of universities nationally – underwriting the fast-rising educational profile of the university and making it a very attractive place for students to come and study," he said.

The survey was conducted by market research specialists Opinionpanel which polled students from October 2007 to May 2008.

And the attributes found to be most important included a good student union, good support and welfare, good relationship with teaching staff, centralised facilities, industry connections, good accommodation, security, cheap shop and bar, tuition in small groups, fair workload, sports facilities and library.

The University of Lincoln came two places behind Nottingham University but nine places ahead of Nottingham Trent University.

For more on the survey results, plus student reaction, see Monday's Echo.

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